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—1 John v., 14-15.

“The Lord shall be thy CONFIDENCE, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.”

—Prov. iii., 26

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TO EDITORS AND OTHERS.—Any matter in this Paper may be re-printed on condition that full acknowledgment is made thus:—"From 'Confidence,' a Free Pentecostal Paper, to be obtained from the Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland."

The Bride is getting Ready. (Rev. xix., 7.)

Do you know your Heavenly Father
Sent His Son to seek a Bride?
But those wicked men they slew Him,
For His Bride He bled and died;
But He's coming back from Heaven,
Soon His Bride will be with Him,
She is only getting ready
For the coming of the King.

Matt. 21, 37
Luke 20, 13
Acts 5, 30
Acts 20, 28
John 14, 3
Matt. 25, 13
Matt. 24, 44
Matt. 25, 10

Chorus.

Yes, the Bride is getting ready
For the coming of the King,
While the Bridegroom waits up yonder,
He can hear His loved One sing;
Every earthly tie and pleasure
Fades away with thought of Him,
For the Bride is getting ready
For the coming of the King.

Zech. 3, 4
Rev. 3, 4
Mark 16, 19
Heb. 2, 12
Ps. 45, 10
1 John 2, 15
Luke 12, 40
Matt. 21, 5

Do you know the Bridegroom's coming
For His Church, the chosen Bride?
By His precious Blood He bought her,
From His wounded, bleeding side.
Now the Bride to Him is precious,
And He loves to hear her sing,
Putting on her lovely garments
For the coming of the King.

Acts 1, 11
John 15, 16
1 Pet. 1, 19
John 19, 34
1 Pet. 2, 7
Zeph. 3, 14
Rev. 3, 5
1 Thess. 1, 10

Do you wonder why He tarries,
Why He leaves His bride down here?
Passing through deep persecution,
He can see each falling tear;
He will never let them harm you,
To His Bride he'll ever cling,
For it only makes her ready
For the coming of the King.

Heb. 10, 37
Acts 1, 11
Rom. 8, 35
Rom. 8, 37
Dan. 3, 25
John 13, 1
Jer. 18, 6
Rev. 19, 7

Are you in the Lord abiding?
Are you sheltered near the side
Of the blessed Rock of Ages,
Who will come to take His Bride?
Are you ready any moment
At His call to be with Him?
Are you watching, are you waiting
For the coming of the King?

John 15, 5
Eph. 2, 13
Ps. 61, 2
1 Thess. 4, 17
Mark 13, 35
Matt. 25, 34
Rev. 16, 15
Rev. 22, 12

Let the Bride say, "Come, Lord, quickly,"
In the twinkling of an eye,
Caught away in dazzling splendour,
When is heard the midnight cry:
"Yes, He cometh, Yes, He cometh
For His Bride to be with Him,
He hath found her ready, waiting
For the coming of the King."

Rev. 22, 20
1 Cor. 15, 12
2 Thess. 1, 7
Matt. 25, 6
Rev. 1, 7
Matt. 25, 10
Rev. 19, 7
Cant. 4, 7

A YEAR OF BLESSING.

September, 1907—September 1908.

Praise to the Holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise,
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God, when all was sin and shame,

A second Adam to the fight, and to the rescue came.

O wisest love that flesh and blood which did
in Adam find,

Should strive afresh against the foe, should
strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace should flesh and
blood refine

God's Presence and His very Self, and Essence all
divine.

How can we ever, in Time or through
Eternity, praise our Heavenly Father
sufficiently for the way He has lovingly led
us during these last twelve months. Es-
pecially have we here at Sunderland over-

whelming reason for thankfulness, because
of the way He has guided us in times of
great difficulty and stress, and kept us
from turning back in the day of battle.

1.—No one but the Lord could have
given to His servants in this place (and to
those who come long distances in order to
have fellowship with Him), such real
hunger after Himself, such a desire to be
loyal to the Lord and to His will.

2.—We thank Him for the difference, in
many ways, between this year and previous
years in the matter of Worship.

We have not forgotten that Prayer
Meetings before were occasionally suc-
cessful, though it was very hard to keep
them up, they would dwindle and die.
But Pentecostal Prayer Meetings (full of
power and almost nightly) have gone on

all the year round, equally successful in summer and in winter. The Lord makes His presence so real that we cannot stay away. They go on of themselves, for He is present. We have sometimes said after a wonderful meeting, "When we meet in Heaven and have our good times, there, I know what we shall say. We shall turn one to another with the words, 'What does this remind you of?' and a smile will light up our faces, for we quite know what is coming, 'Why! it's just like those meetings in All Saints' Vestry, for they were a foretaste of this blessed time here.'"

3.—During the past twelve months the Atoning work of God's Incarnate Son has, in a new way, been ever our theme. The precious Blood of the Lord Jesus has been our constant and only plea, and we have, as never before, adored the Lamb that has been slain, worshipping Him in spirit and in truth, and sometimes even in other Tongues as the Spirit Himself gave utterance.

4.—There is one meeting each week which is of special interest, and for which we do specially thank Him. It is the meeting of those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Sign of Tongues. There are from thirty to forty in this place, though there are far more who have come a long distance and have returned again, to be a blessing in their own neighbourhood. These meetings have generally been on Wednesday nights in the Vicarage. Here difficulties are talked over,—blessings are recounted, and special prayer made. We thank Him Who has made it possible to hold such meetings. Sometimes the power of the Spirit sweeps over our little gathering. "We are all with one accord in one place, and Jesus is in the midst."

5.—We thank Him for the work of the last twelve months among the young

people in this place (as well as among the older ones). The results are, for instance, evident at our Open-air Meetings, when we have been supported by so many young men and maidens. The Spirit-guided appeals from one young man after another, and also from young maidens, have not failed to reach many a mark. The Sunday School Teachers too, who have received the Baptism, have conversions in their classes, and there is among the young people a genuine earnestness rising higher than ever in one's ministry of nearly 24 years in this Parish.

6.—We thank Him for manifesting in some measure all the nine gifts of 1 Cor. xii. Sick ones have been healed, evil spirits discerned, rebuked and cast out, faith has been given, more than one miracle wrought. The whole has been enveloped in an atmosphere of true Holy Ghost "Love." We do not forget great testings of faith, and seeming failures and sore disappointment, but feel it is all an incentive to press forward.

7.—We thank Him that He has allowed a great stream of information, of praise and testimony, to go out from this place all over the world. He wonderfully supplied the means and the sanctified human machinery for this distribution to hungry ones. He has raised up those who could deal with the constant flow of letters from near and far asking for help and advice. He put it into our heart to commence the paper "Confidence," and has made it a blessing. Grateful messages tell us how it has brought help to many at home and abroad, and He has so far in response to faith sent help from poor and rich, and has abundantly supplied the matter, the testimonies and articles. This could not have been a year ago.

8.—That such a wonderful gathering of

loyal lovers of the Lord could take place here at the Whitsuntide Conference was, indeed, of God, and we do thank Him for it. He raised up the very necessary workers. He supplied the needed accommodation. He brought in the blessed spirit of unity and love. He has this year commenced these annual Whitsuntide gatherings. We trust He will continue them until He comes. They were days of Heaven upon Earth.

9.—What Pastor should be so thankful and yet so humbled as one to whom God Himself has come with the sign and gift of Tongues? What Pastor so truly thankful and yet so humbled as one who is supported by the prayers and help of many Spirit-filled ones? What Pastor so humbled in the dust as one who has been permitted by the Lord to help to hold the fort from which Pentecostal blessing has been reaching out far and wide? He is not forgetful at any time of the various channels God has greatly honoured. Paul plants, and Apollos waters; it is God alone that gives the increase. To Him be all the glory for the year of blessing now past. It is only by His goodness that we have stood true amid many difficulties within and without.

10.—One of the proofs, to the Writer's mind, that the Lord is in this, His work, is that He has brought together at Sunderland Friends, Brethren, Methodists, Salvationists, Baptists, Congregationalists, and Church-folk, and they have all been one in spirit and one in trusting the precious Blood. Denominationalism has melted away and the barriers disappeared as the Holy Spirit came into full possession.

11.—We have held more than 500 Pentecostal Meetings during these 12 months. these in addition to the ordinary work of the Parish and the many Sunday Services conducted alone. One has gladly thrown one's heart into it all, and the Lord has

supplied the strength. About 100 have received a definite Baptism of the Holy Ghost, many of them “long-distance visitors.” Statistics are only poor and cold, but we thank God that Jesus has been glorified in scores and scores of lives. He was never so loved as He is to-day, and many are looking for His coming again. The blessing touches the home life and the business life as well as the church life. There is fruit, works follow this faith, for when we love Him we keep His commandments. He is leading us all on and teaching us every day.

12.—At the end of these twelve months of Pentecost the Writer has to thank God that he has not been overwhelmed by the fears and doubts which have been used by the enemy to turn aside many. He thanks God indeed that he has not been permitted to turn back, for many would then (as far as he can see) have never received their “Pentecost” who now are rejoicing in their new found joy and power for service.

We thank the Lord for Pentecost,
The Lord is leading the way, the way;
But most for the Gift of the Holy Ghost,
The Lord is leading the way.

Anniversary Meetings and Services at Sunderland.

There was a tone of great joy and yet of solemnity in the meetings and services at All Saints', Monkwearmouth, which marked the close of the first year of Pentecostal Blessing at Sunderland.

When in the Vestry the Vicar gave an opportunity for testimonies, they came fast and joyous.

A SISTER FROM NORTH AFRICA said she could not speak of a year of blessing, only of a few days. She had been gloriously freed by a word from the Lord spoken in one meeting, and since then the Holy Comforter had taken possession and even spoken in a few strange words, but the tenderness and sweetness of it was all indescribable.

A SISTER (the first to receive ‘Pentecost’ with Tongues a year ago, and who has had sore trials since) said, “It's better every day. All the day long it is the precious blood of Jesus. It is all Jesus. The nearer we are to the Lord the more He shines upon us and then we reflect His Light.” She felt she must tell of a recent vision she had had in

which she had seen all the grinning demons cast down into the abyss. Then she saw a wonderful avenue of light and at the end of it was the Lord Himself standing—all victorious and ready to help. Praise Him! The Lord had recently given her the whole of Psalm cxxi, "My help cometh from the Lord which hath made heaven and earth." She was trusting Him now fully in all her trials. How she thanked God for this wonderful year of blessing, the most wonderful year in her life. She must cry, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. I am just glad to be nothing, that Jesus may be everything."

A BROTHER FROM WASHINGTON (Co. Durham) wished to thank the Lord for great blessing during the past twelve months. "I won't dwell so much on the 'shindy' they reminded me I raised. What I do thank God for is His coming into my soul. I want to be an all-round Christian, and that like Samuel, in that none of my words may 'fall to the ground.' That they may be His words." He had recently been wonderfully saved while in the coal pit from a heavy fall of stone.

We had a visitor with us from Manitoba (Winnipeg), Mr. GIBSON. He delighted us by his account of the Pentecostal work in Canada. He brought greetings from the Saints at Winnipeg to the Saints at Monkwearmouth, and a hearty message of love was sent with him to deliver as he returns. What "hallelujahs" rose in our vestry as Bro. Gibson told us about his dear Archdeacon receiving his Pentecost with the Sign of the Tongues. (We wished our arms were 4,500 miles long so that we could embrace him. May our Lord uphold him indeed and use him mightily.) This Brother said that they often talked together at Winnipeg about the work at Sunderland, and now he was so happy to see the brethren at All Saints' face-to-face.

BRO. FIELD thanked God for the way in which the Bible had been wonderfully lit up to him by the Holy Spirit. He has had such wonderful visions out of the Word, especially since the Comforter has come into possession and spoken and sung through him. He never was musical, so that it is more remarkable that he should be caused to sing now.

BRO. TUCKERMAN (at present living in Ferryhill) told us how, at first, he did not think he should want to speak in Tongues. He was content that Jesus had come to him, but when the Lord eventually took him and spoke through him he found the great difference. Temptations come still and with great power, but like as water goes off a duck's back, so when sheltering under the precious Blood the Lord gives him the Victory. "I can do nothing now, but the Lord can do something through me."

A BROTHER FROM ITALY praised God with full heart for meeting him at Sunderland. He had, through the teaching received, realized his union with Jesus in death and life. The Holy Ghost had made it all practical. He asked for special prayer for dark Italy, where men paraded the streets with banners inscribed, "No God and no Master." He had received his Pentecost with the blessed signs and would be able to return in hope to work where it had been hopeless before.

A SISTER, who was twelve months old in the blessing of Pentecost, said that for four months she had uninterrupted joy, but now, with heavy trials, she has the strength of the Lord to meet them. She related a remarkable vision. She was down at the bottom of a newly-dug grave, lying

there looking up, and she noticed that the grave was lit up with some very brilliant light, which showed up the very particles of earth. Then she found that something was lifting her, lifting her quietly, but really right up—as she lay—right up out of the grave. She was resurrected. A Banner was before her with a motto inscribed upon it which she could not read, but the words were told her in the Spirit, and they were: "I am the Light of the World," and "A City set on a hill cannot be hid." She found herself laughing and crying for joy at the same time, like Billy Bray.

Oh, it's been a wonderful year, WONDERFUL.
GLORY! GLORY!! GLORY!!!
O for a close walk with God.

A BROTHER FROM ROKER told us how the Lord had spoken to him about using Tobacco, and when he gave it up he soon got his "Pentecost." He and his wife were both in the blessing, and their home was often like Heaven itself. He thanked God that his Vicar had stood true, for otherwise he might not have received his Pentecost. He passed on the text given to him (Heb. x., 36), "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS' were times of solemn blessing. The text at 10:30 was St. Luke xii., 49, "I am come to send fire on the earth, and what if it be already kindled?" At 6:30 the text was from 1 Kings xviii., 38, "Then the fire of the Lord fell." It was the fire of the Lord. It fell from Heaven, it did not come from below. There is the sound of abundance of rain. There is more to follow. What will the next twelve months see?

A VISIT TO HOLLAND.

(Rev. A. A. Boddy.)

PART I.

The Editor of "Confidence" has often had reason to testify that this Pentecostal Work of God brings us into contact with some of the most earnest and most loving followers of the Lord. He has had further confirmation of this in a recent visit to Holland, where he stayed in Amsterdam. Pastor Polman, his host, is respected and beloved by many. The adherents of his Mission are people who are prepared to go all the way with the Lord Jesus. "*Christus alleen*" is their oft-repeated prayer ("Christ alone"). Long before the Whitsuntide Conference, when the Writer first met Pastor Polman, it was laid on his heart to have a season of fellowship with these "saints" in the *Nederland*, but only recently has this been possible.

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The North Sea, alas, was distinctly unkind. The "Kirkham Abbey" was sorely buffeted and shaken by persistent bad weather. So the Writer was glad when the Light-ship off the Hook of Holland was sighted, some fifteen hours after leaving Hull.

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As we entered the River Maas, we noticed the long, low breakwaters of rough piles, with a skeleton Lighthouse on the Northernmost end.

Here the sad "Berlin" disaster took place a year and a half ago, when the sea was strewn with corpses. As the waves leapt over the jagged piling, one could picture that sad scene with its awful loss of life. They have now erected a life-saving apparatus, for use if any vessel is driven again on to that breakwater in a south-westerly gale.

It is pleasant, on landing in a foreign land, to be welcomed by the happy face of a dear Christian friend. How delighted was I to recognise Pastor Polman on the quay, bravely struggling with rain and wind as he bore down on my steamer and bore me off to the Rotterdam station.

"This is kind of you, dear Brother," I said.

"Oh, not at all, dear Pastor, for we are so glad to see you in Holland."

Having a little time to spare, we visited the Boyman paintings, and as I was entering Room iv., my hat in my hand, crash went a skylight, and the glass fell a few yards in front of me.

"Hallelujah," I cried, "The Lord is protecting us from the enemy."

A moment later and my head and face would have been cut by the glass. He is good. Some painters were at work above.

Soon we were swept across the land of Windmills and Dykes, past the Hague, Leyden, and Haarlem, to Amsterdam station, where Mevrouw Polman also joined in welcoming the Pastor from Sunderland.

An electric tramcar took us over the picturesque Amstel, past the Queen's palace, and out to the neighbourhood of Donselaer Straat on the south-east, where, at No. 15, my kind host and hostess soon made me feel very much at home.

Amsterdam has greatly improved since I was here twenty-six years ago. It is in many parts a beautiful town. Like Stockholm, it has been called the Venice of the North, and I prefer it to Venice, though all three towns have their own peculiar advantages.

Canals, large and small, abound here. Green trees line many of the streets, and make them shady and picturesque.

After an evening meal we went "down town" to Pastor Polman's Mission Hall (at Nieuw Prinsengracht 42). It holds about 140. It was Tuesday night, and so it was the special gathering of the "Baptized Ones." Their faces were very bright, and they gave the English Pastor a warm welcome. Pentecostal Brethren are wonderfully alike everywhere, thank God!

THE STORY OF THE THREE MYNHEERS.

I told them the story of Mynheer Feit, Mynheer Geloof, and Mynheer Gevoel (*Mr. Fact, Mr. Faith, and Mr. Feeling*). These three worthies were walking along on the top of a broad wall between the fields, when Mr. Feeling, being last, stumbled and actually fell from the wall, and lay on the ground rather hurt.

Then Mr. Faith felt the loss of his companion, and looking round, he too slipped his foot and fell off the wall. Only Mr. Fact was left, and he wasn't the one to fall, but he stood firm as a rock, and so he helped Mr. Faith up again, and at last, between them, poor Mr. Feeling, who was much battered, got up again and joined them in their walk on the wall. *Moral*:—"Whether you feel it or not, the facts are the

same, Jesus died for your sins, Jesus saves to the uttermost, Jesus loves *you*. Go on when feelings are down, for the fact is ever the same. Keep your eyes on the fact, don't turn to look at feelings. We must always be ready to walk by fact, and not by sight or feeling."

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A Brother who had been connected with the Salvation Army gave his testimony, and told us how God had made him hunger for Himself, and God met him in Pastor Polman's Mission and eventually mightily baptised him, and now he rejoiced for he had the Sign of Tongues and knew that the Comforter was come. Four maidens, the eldest sixteen, spoke very earnestly and, with radiant faces, testified to their Pentecost. They were Helena Jeanne Haage, Folg   Heyer, Helge Rang, and Maria Margaretha Deijs. A dear old grandmother, Mrs. Fisser, with a large, well-used Bible under her arm, and who had been much attached to the Lutheran Church, also gave her testimony to Pentecost with great joy, and to recent healing. After we had finished the meeting a sister said she must tell how her little sister that day had been healed. She had fallen somehow on a table, hitting her nose dreadfully and causing internal hemorrhage. She had laid hands upon her in the name of the Lord, and the bleeding had at once ceased; for this she praised God indeed. The Lord does graciously meet the faith of His children, especially those who have received a powerful Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

It was a most remarkable meeting as these dear Dutch saints prayed and sang in their own language or in Tongues, and now and again a wave of power would just send them all adoring the Lamb together. When the Blood was honoured the power was greatest.

Others are longing for the day when they shall be qualified to join that gathering of baptized ones who have had the Sign of Tongues.

THE TESTIMONY OF A HUSBAND

as to his wife was:—

"She used to get angry with a child if it broke a little tea-cup, but now, when one knocked a flower-vase over, she only said, 'Hallelujah!'

Oh, what a change now has come to her, who was once like a cat."

So he is now seeking his Pentecost very earnestly.

We came out of the bright little Mission Hall into the cold, damp air by the "Gracht" (or Broad Canal), where the lamps were reflected in the water. Homewards across the city, past the Staats Spoorweg (the State Railway). At prayer that night we thanked God together for what He is doing in Holland to-day.

"I hope you will sleep well Pastor," said my host.

Yes, I was more comfortable than in a bunk in a close cabin on the stormy North Sea, and very thankfully I praised God for bringing me to Holland as I fell asleep in Amsterdam.

THE HAGUE AND SCHEVENINGEN.

Brother K  k (who came also to the Sunderland Conference) was living, for the Scheveningen season, near the Hague, and has had a meeting once a week there, so we journeyed over to see him and other Christian friends.

The Hague, as is well known, is the Royal

Town of Holland, where the Queen generally resides. There are lovely parks, where fallow-deer are browsing and antlered sires have battles royal, and their horns clash in fierce duels. Sympathetic friends welcomed us to their home at the Hague, and hospitably entertained us.

A steam tram took us some six miles down to the sea. The season at Scheveningen was just ended. Cold winds sent the waves lashing on the sands, the basket chairs were tenantless, and the great hotels empty. We found Bro. Kôk had gone on to his meeting (he is engaged in postal and telegraph work), so we followed in the electric car back by another route to the Hague.

About twenty earnest seekers were gathered together, including a bright-faced boyish soldier in his uniform. (He had just been converted a week, and was both happy and serious.) I had the privilege of speaking, by interpretation, to encourage them in being true to God, telling them how graciously the Lord had met us at Sunderland. We dealt specially with one or two, and the Lord gave deliverance to an oppressed one.

THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND FEARS.

When I was in Holland years ago, staying with a most hospitable friend at Vlaardingden (Mynheer Aric van H.), he took me to see the house of the DUIZEN FREEZEN (the thousand fears). The origin was this:—

In the years of Spanish oppression the enemy asked permission to pass through Rotterdam 25 soldiers at a time, but when permission was given treachery was the result and a massacre of the inhabitants. As the soldiers went from house to house they saw blood running from the doors and windows of one house, and they hastily concluded that all had been done there. But the house and large cellars beneath was packed with fugitives who trembled as the destroying soldiers passed over them. The blood saved them, even if it was the blood of some other victims. This was in 1594.

So there is safety under the Blood and power in the Blood, as they sang sweetly often in the meetings in Holland.

Daar is kracht, kracht, wonder bare kracht,

In het Bloed van der Lam;

Daar is kracht, kragt, wonder bare kracht,

In het dierbaar Bloed van het Lamb.

(There is power, power, wonder-working power

In the Blood of the Lamb;)

There is power, power, wonder-working power

In the precious Blood of the Lamb.)

There are many fears at times, and fear is lack of faith. In the Pentecostal Work of God we must trust Him and His Blood, and never fear when we are true to our Lord.

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AT THE ZAANDAM KERMIS.

"We go to the Kermis to-day, Pastor."

"At Zaandam?"

"Yes. Evangelist Timmerman expects you."

It was a beautiful and speedy river steamer on which we sped that afternoon over the waters of the Ij (they seemed to pronounce it "Ay").

There were many holiday-makers on board who were going to the annual fair or Kermis. Many towns and villages have their *Kermis* ("Kirk-mass" no doubt. In olden days the patronal festival of the village church). The place we were going to was the village where the Czar Peter lived for a while and learned practical shipbuilding. Shipbuilding (small craft) goes on to-day on the banks of the Ij. We found the place alive with shows, sweet stalls, roundabouts, "carousal tents," etc.—a real "Vanity" fair. An ambulatory orchestra-organ drawn by a donkey ground out music with all the vigour of a big band, and the steam engines of the great whirl-a-gig also mercilessly sent out music from another stentorian organ. Little boys blew penny trumpets as well.

Evangelist Timmerman had erected his *Bijbel-Tent* opposite a cafe in one of the open places, and we had an open-air meeting. Open-air meetings are forbidden in Holland, but if at a Kermis you have books to sell, you may cry aloud and tell the people what is inside the books. If you tell any people what is in the Bible you can speak for a very long time, and you can also tell the people to act upon its teaching. As the police did not interfere we had a very good "open-air." Scores of serious faces were turned up to me as the Message was given. If a drunken passer-by shouted we took no notice; if young women laughed immoderately at first, they came under conviction as time went on. Boys with cigarettes listened respectfully. It was a well-behaved gathering, and many came and bought Dutch tracts and illuminated texts. I spoke by interpretation from St. John viii., 36, "Free indeed." Holland and England were free countries. But was the drunkard free? Was he not the slave of the Devil? Not only the drunkard, but every sinner was the slave of sin. Jesus came to forgive sin, but He came still more to make us free men and free women. Several hymns were sung. Evangelist Timmerman goes to and fro in Holland preaching and selling the Scriptures. He has a difficult task; may the Lord indeed bless him. His Master, I am sure, smiles upon him. He was often at our meetings seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. (A few days later I spoke at another Kermis at an inland town towards Utrecht and south of the Zuyder Zee.)

A VERY AGILE BABOON

climbed the roofs of the houses and was a centre of attraction. A long light cord was held by a youth in the street, and when it was refractory a great tug brought it downwards by some telephone wire or spout. Crowds watched the captive baboon and some gave contributions. It was a Vanity Fair indeed, but they treated us well although we had "Faithful" with us.

We returned to the steamer and the loveliest sunlight lit up the water, and the windmills and the spires of distant Amsterdam came in sight again. We had indeed sown beside many waters.

That night I asked that we might have a gathering of some of the earnest men of the Mission for a few hours of prayer in the "Pastorage." The Lord was mightily present and met nearly all of them with very special blessing as we tarried before Him.

PART



"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name."—Mal. iii., 16.

AN AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE.

"I am so glad, dear Pastor, that you have come to spend your vacation with us here in Holland." My "vacation" of ten days embraced one meeting at least almost every day and six at the week end. Gladly would I have sat at the feet of these Dutch saints and learned of them, but there was continually an inexorable *fiat*—"The people have come to hear you. Please, Pastor, will you speak now?" Of course I was very, very thankful that the Lord thus opened a door great and effectual, and He wonderfully helped me. There were two sets of meetings. The first was for seekers of the Pentecost and sympathizers, and was held in the Polman Mission beside the Nieuwe Prinsen Gracht, one of the large canals. Every attendee had to sign the card given below, and there were many heart-burnings among those who longed to be with us, but could not sign the declaration.

TOEGANGSBEWIJS

VOOR DE ONDERLINGE SAMENKOMSTEN IN VERBAND MET HET BEZOEK VAN DS. ALEX. A. BODDY.

VERKLARING. Ik verklaar dat ik den vollen Pinksterdoop zoek met het teeken der tongen.

Naam:

Adres:

SAMENKOMSTEN

Zaterdag 5 September's avonds om 8 uur,
Maandag 7 Sept. s midd. en 's av. om 8 uur, in
het lokaal: Nieuwe Prinsen Gracht 42 (bij de
Weesperstraat).
G. R. POLMAN, Evangelist.

INTRODUCTION

FOR THE PRIVATE MEETINGS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE VISIT OF DOMINIE ALEX. A. BODDY.

DECLARATION.—I declare that I am seeking
the Pentecost Baptism with the Sign of Tongues.

MEETINGS.

Saturday, Sept. 5, at 8 o'clock in the evening.
Monday, Sept. 7—noon 3, and in the evening at
8 o'clock, in the Hall.

I was led at these meetings to speak of the cleansing of the Temple, of Retribution, of paying of Debts, and of Tithes. Of course the "dierbaar Blood" was exalted above all human action, but obedience was also necessary before the Glory could fill the Tabernacle (Exod. 40).

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Remarkable results followed. A dear old Christian had brought to his mind an incident in the days when he was in the world. He was jealous of a successful fellow-workman, and threw away his best tool. This was 40 years ago, but he had never confessed it, and he

feared the workman was now dead. We told him he should give the value of the tool to God if he could not find this man.

A sister remembered taking something when in a home. She confessed and made retribution. Another went off by train to another town to put things right. A working man undertook to begin to pay a long-standing debt. Oh, these people were in earnest with God.

I ventured to give them suggestions—not to look at others or listen to strange sounds, but be occupied with God in these meetings.

Perhaps there was no need for these suggestions, for never did I see people so absolutely devoted to God. Such strong crying even unto tears as they offered their lives to the Lord Jesus, putting themselves under the "dierbaar Blood."

Though no longer in these meetings, the storm of supplication with thanksgiving is still ringing in my ears. All were praying together; first one voice rose above the tempest, then another:—

"Wy danken u O Jesus voor het Bloed, O daar's kracht in het Bloed . . . Wy danken u O Christus voor het dierbaar Bloed . . . O Jesus, Jesus myn Meester maak myn tong los . . . O pryst den Heer. Pryst den Heer." Men's voices, women's voices, rising and falling. "In den naam von Jesus, in den naam von Jesus," we heard one leader crying at the other end of the room, and we knew the need just then. Wonderful times they were, when the address being over they gave themselves to prayer and praise.

THE SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Pastor Polman had taken the bold step of engaging a hall just facing the Queen's Palace (at the Dam). The hall bears the curious title of TOT NUT VAN'T ALGEMEEN (for the use of the community). From its windows we looked down on a busy wide street, with flocks of people and constant tramcars ringing their bells.

We were *vis-a-vis* with the bold allegorical façade of the Queen's Palace with its massive figures, and above a huge figure of Atlas, being a globe of enormous dimensions. Dutch folk watched the Pentecostal folk assembling or dispersing. A Roman Catholic priest smoking a huge cigar stood for some moments puzzled, and a Mormon missionary gave us leaflets as we passed out. But the Lord was mightily with us morning, noon, and night.

A notice had been put in a religious paper that Domine A. A. Boddy, Staats Predicant of Sunderland, would speak of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. At 10:30 a.m., after prayer in the retiring room, Pastor Polman, Herr Kōk, Mrs. Polman, and myself went on to the low platform, and again praying, the meeting was opened with praise. Never since I was at Ton-y-Pandy with Evan Roberts have I heard such grand sustained melodious chorale-like psalm-singing. Of course there was no choir. Many elderly Dutch gentlemen with their wives were there. Faces that reminded one of Rembrandt's pictures. Scattered all over the general

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"CONFIDENCE."

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BRIEF ITEMS.

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"HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US."

At the end of a year of Pentecostal Blessing we can, indeed, praise Him with full hearts. At Sunderland we have just held our Anniversary Services and Meetings, of which we write on another page. All praise be again to Him!

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INDIA. In acknowledging the £14 10s., sent by the Whitsuntide Conference to Pandita Ramabai, her daughter, Manoramabai, writes: "We do thank you very much for your generous gift. We thank God for raising up kind friends for us, and enabling us to send help to those who are suffering from famine, and to give the Gospel to many who have never heard about the Lord Jesus."

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Most of the readers of "Confidence" are aware that God, in His goodness, raised up this high-caste Indian lady to care for girl-widows, and that at "Mukti" (viz. "salvation"), at Kedgaon, some forty miles from Poona, she has more than nine-hundred widows under her care. She has had the joy of seeing hundreds turn to the

Lord and receive a mighty Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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Our Sister Manoramabai writes: "Please pray especially for our bands of young people who have gone to different places to carry the message of Salvation to some of their country men and women. Please join us in prayer that the Gospel-seed, which is thus being sown, may take deep root, and very soon, if it is God's will, bring forth an abundant harvest."

We must continue to remember India and those who are in danger through the present outbreak of fanaticism

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"PRAYER WARFARE," by Miss Minnie Abrams (60 pages), can be obtained free by sending a *penny* postcard to Miss Abrams, Mukti Mission, Kedgaon, Poona district, India. It is, indeed, a message to us all from the Lord, and gives incidental side-lights upon the work in India. It was written in Pandharpur amid the crowds of heathen pilgrims, but it gives for all the secret of Victory in prayer.

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ONE-TENTH. Do we all give One-tenth to the Lord, or do we rob Him of His Tithes? (Read Mal. iii., 8-10.) Some of His children are giving One-fifth (twice as much as One-tenth), for they feel that One-tenth is only paying rent for the use of this world, and they must add another Tenth as a thank-offering. Will our readers ask the Lord what He would have them do in helping on the issue of "Confidence" and the supply of free literature from the Sunderland centre? We cannot but believe that it is the Lord who has sent the willing workers here for this very purpose, viz., to despatch the Pentecostal literature to all parts of the world as requests reach us. Such grateful thanks constantly reach us for blessings received through "Confidence" that we dare not think of suspending a single issue.

TITHING. If all who have received “Pentecost” were giving One-tenth to the Lord, and of that One-tenth spared something regularly for Pentecostal literature, we should be able to do far more. We could usefully spend £50 in re-printing valuable matter and forwarding it where it would be gratefully received and used most profitably.

Will our readers remember this in prayer? We need a regular monthly income; the Lord says, “Owe no man anything but to love one another.”

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VISIT OF MISS MANORAMABAI TO ENGLAND. On another page will be seen a letter telling us that Miss Abrams and Pandita's daughter are to visit us in this country, and by the time this reaches our readers, will already have arrived. Their address will be—care of Mrs. Helen Dyer, Aldington, Hythe, Kent. We owe so much to the prayer-warriors of Mukti that we should do all we can for their representatives whilst in our midst. Their influence may bring much blessing to many in this land.

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Pastor Barratt's pen is always busy. Whilst in India he has written and published the following Tracts, which will be sent free if a (penny) postcard is sent to him, c/o Mr. H. Grove, Mullanoor Estate, Hillgrove, Nilgiris, India:—“The Twentieth Century Revival,” “Pentecostal Gifts,” “Pentecostal Visions,” “The Blood of Jesus protects us,” and others. They are most interesting. We do not forget to thank God for the way He led Pastor Barratt to us at the beginning of this work, and how He helped through him when we needed help.

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A KINDLY SUGGESTION. We do ask our friends in distant lands not to set out for this country unless the Lord has in-

vited through some of His children.

If they are sure they have a call to Great Britain, will they not ask the Lord to confirm it by giving the call spontaneously through some of His children who are in a position to receive them?

We feel that God has purposely created many centres and raised up many workers in this land, and *for* this land. Trouble follows again and again the running before the Lord. The writer cannot accept the messages which many believe they receive to come to Great Britain. Voyage after voyage, undertaken in obedience to “messages,” has been fruitless, disappointing, and ending in trouble to some, though God often over-rules the honest mistakes of His children when self is not dominant.

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POSTAGE TO HOLLAND. Will friends who write to Pastor or Mrs. Polman remember that a 2½d. stamp is required, or a penny post-card. Likewise from the U.S.A. to England. We have to pay double postage when this is overlooked.

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congregation one could see familiar faces from the Polman Mission.

When the time came for the sermon, I went forward to the front of the platform, and Mrs. Polman interpreted most ably and very fluently. The Lord was with us indeed, and many were the earnest prayers going up. The text the Lord led me to was:—

II Cor. v., 15-16.—“If any man be in Christ he is a new creation. Old things have passed away. All things have become new, and all things are of God.”

The eternal purpose of God—Man to be in His Image. The temporary triumph of Satan. The eternal Victory of Calvary. The New Creation from God. Crowned by Pentecost for Body, Soul, and Spirit. God's companions for ever.

“A Bird's-flight sight of the Gospel” said an old Christian in commendation of the truth he had heard. In England we should say a “Bird's Eye View.”

God was working on hearts and consciences. A sister who had not before believed this was of God was so convicted that she took the first train to a town some distance away to humble

herself and put things right, so that she might begin to seek her Pentecost.

At the afternoon meeting I had been requested to give a personal relation of our experiences at Sunderland during the year of Pentecostal Blessing. Pastor Polman spoke with tears in his eyes whenever he mentioned the blessing he had received at Sunderland "Oh!" he would say, "Sunderland to me is indeed *helige grond*" (Holy Ground).

At night the hall was crowded and very hot. Again I spoke at very great length—this time from Joel ii., 30: "BLOOD and FIRE." First we exalted the Blood and all it means for us of cleansing and separation. Then after a hymn we spoke of the Holy FIRE now falling from Heaven. I asked the Lord to make the messages practical, and He caused me again and again to speak on obedience and love. Husband and wife to be true and kind, and children obedient and affectionate unto their parents. Honesty in all things, small and great, and restitution and confession where necessary. Not in order to purchase blessing, for the Holy Ghost is God's *Gift* as truly as Salvation.

Jesus is Victor. The vision of a sister at Sunderland was told. She saw a River of Blood going out, and on either bank men and women stood hesitating, but some stepped down into it. Then Jesus on a white horse seemed to ride down the centre, and as He raised His sword the hosts of Hell fled into the abyss, and many stepped into the stream and followed Him on to certain victory.

A large number remained in earnest prayer and praise for a couple of hours, and a wonderful time was spent until the custodian turned us out at 11 o'clock. It had been indeed a day with the Lord, and He had been with us. We were thankful indeed. It meant much to the Pentecostal friends in Holland, and we praised with full hearts together as we made our way home through the brilliant streets of Amsterdam.

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FROM SHEFFIELD.

19, RAILWAY STREET,
WOODHOUSE MILL,
NEAR SHEFFIELD,
25TH AUG., 1908.

DEAR BROTHER BODDY,

The Love of Christ constraineth me to send you my testimony. I was converted nearly 7 years ago at Stavely Mission, and 3 years ago; at the same place, I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost by Faith. From that time the dear Lord began a mighty work in me. A few months after this we were removed from that place where the Lord could speak Himself to us alone. Deut. xxxii., 10, 11, 12. The first Sunday we were here He gave us Deut. vii., 1, 21, 22, 23, and, praise His Name, "He is faithful who has promised." He first shewed me one thing and then another

until they were destroyed. Praise His Name! Then the Lord caused to be sent to us Pentecostal news from America, which set us hungering and thirsting for more, for we believed He had more for us and that He would bring us over into the Promised Land.

It was not until 2nd January this year we heard that Pentecost with the sign of tongues had reached England, when a lady friend who had been visiting in Kent had been attending the waiting meetings at Mrs. Price's and had seen the wonderful works of God. She came from there to us and told us about it, and we received it gladly. She then wanted my husband to write to Mr. Boddy to pray for us, but he didn't. She only stayed a few days, but they were praying days, and the Lord broke in amongst us, and for the first time I had the holy laughter. Then the dear Lord did a mighty work in me in February. He gave me Deut. ix., 4, 5, and in March He brought me to the place where I abhorred myself and gave me His own word after Ezek. xx., 43. Then, in April, He brought me to Gal. ii., 20, and on May 17th gave me a vision of seeing myself nailed to the Cross with Jesus. I went to have my usual time with the Lord after dinner, and as soon as I got down on my knees I shook violently, then I laughed and then wept, and then for two brief minutes I saw myself nailed to the Cross with Jesus. Just before this the dear Lord had caused to be sent to us the first number of "Confidence," and my husband, coming in late from work, saw it on the mantel-piece and read it, and straight away sat down and wrote off to Mr. Boddy to ask him to pray for us (it was about 2 a.m.)

PRaise GOD FOR "CONFIDENCE."

Jesus was made unto us Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption. I do praise the Lord for His wonderful works to me. Mr. Boddy kindly gave us an invitation to the Whitsuntide Conference, but at first it looked quite impossible, but, little by little, He made it possible. You can imagine when I tell you we had four little children to take with us, but the Lord kept giving me "Thine expectation shall not be cut off." And so we went to Sunderland in full expectancy. I praise God for the preparation and that He made me willing in the day of His power.

The dear Lord graciously visited me and came to make His abode in me and spoke through me in an unknown tongue on Whit-Monday night in the Parish Hall. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear My voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me." Glory to Jesus for Pentecost with the Sign of Tongues.

The Blood has been more precious than ever before, and my desire is to be entirely led by Him, nothing of self. The enemy has tried many times by attacking our children in their bodies (physically), but pleading the Blood has driven it back. There is wonderful power in the Blood. I have had much opposition here, but Jesus has kept me all the way. Hallelujah! He is able to make all grace abound toward you. Pray for us, brethren and sisters, that we may be fully guided by Him, and that my husband may soon enter in.

Yours through the precious Blood,

E. ELVIN.

LONDON.

Our dear Brother, Mr. Cecil Polhill (of Howbury Hall, Bedford) is contemplating special work in London, commencing about Oct. 15th (the time and place to be arranged shortly). He will be thankful for the prayers of God's people.

Brother T. Brem Wilson is now having great blessing at Bethel Hall, Camberwell. The power and presence of God has been manifested mightily in recent meetings.

Pastor Cantell, at 73, Upper Street, Islington, has much to thank God for in the September "Book of Remembrance." May God pour out a mighty blessing on London before the Lord comes.

JERSEY.

Testimony to Healing.

When I think of all the Lord has done for me since last October, I must praise Him. For seven years I was an invalid, suffering terribly at times from rheumatic, gout, heart weakness, ulcerated kidneys. I was never without pain, could not walk five minutes together and never without help (now can walk for 2 or 3 miles comfortably). I was taken out in a Bath-chair (even that or a drive tired me for days), and was often prostrate for weeks together. In those seven years I was never two days without medicine. You will understand what it meant for me and those around me, yet I never murmured I don't think, but thought it was the Lord's will until I read Mr. Boddy's "Health in Christ," for which I praise God, for in reading I understood that the Lord's words were indeed for me. On the 20th October last I was healed, and from that day have not used any remedy, have taken no medicine, and, praise God, am well.

Satan has often tempted me. I have had returns of the old pains, but a few minutes' prayer makes me forget that I had it. Glory to God.

SCOTLAND.

A Letter from Motherwell.

MY VERY DEAR BROTHER,

Was glad to have your note to-day with "Confidence" enclosed. It is good. I should have written before, but have had just as much to do as I was able, for God is working steadily on in Scotland, and slowly, but surely, He is establishing His own work. We were at Kilsyth 10 days ago and had a magnificent time. We had an altar-call on Sabbath evening, and never, even when the work first began here, have we had such power. We just gathered at the front, perhaps three seats full on each side, and began to pray. When the Fire fell the scene and the glory were indescribable. God means us to go on day by day getting more

and more from Himself. Was glad to see your article on "The Pleading of the Blood." "Boldness to enter the Holiest by the Blood."

We got a message last Tuesday, when a few of us gathered for prayer, confirming us in the fact that "In the Pleading of the Blood from the Heart lies your Victory." Then came, "Read Leviticus," so have been going through it again, noting what God hath wrought and the place into which He has magnified the Blood. We are so apt to look at the matter critically, forgetting that, even when we stand at Heaven's gate, we shall have no other plea for entrance but the Precious Blood.

Then there is, perhaps, another reason why, at this time as never before, we need to plead "the Blood." Christian Science, Spiritualism, and even the New Theology is just Christianity without "the Blood," spurious and sham, and in many cases demoniac, simply because they have not the stamp of God's approval. "The Atonement," as a putting away of sin and sacrifice, is absent from the latter-day counterfeit. Then in Peter's epistle, the last apostasy is denial of the Lord "*that bought them.*" The purchase of "the Blood." There seems to be far more truth than we ever dreamt of in the old Hymn, "The Spirit answers to the Blood," sung and experienced by the Wesleyan Methodists in the days when God worked by them and in them.

We go on with God by His grace and by His Spirit, determined, so far as He can enable saved sinners, to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, i.e., "The Precious Blood."

Bless God for all your labours and prayers, they will not be in vain.

With love to all the Saints, especially Mrs. Boddy,

Yours in the Victory which never faileth,

VICTOR WILSON.

* "Pleading the Blood" is now re-printed as a Free Tract, and can be had from the Secretaries.

CANADA.

A Letter from an Archdeacon.

How I should have liked, rejoiced I should say, to have been with you at your Conference.

Nothing pleases me so much as fellowship with God's dear children. We had a very happy time at Elm Home, Rochester. God was with us in great power, and many of the dear saints were filled with the Holy Ghost. The messages, especially in song, were precious.

I am not certain whether I told you how God wonderfully filled me with the Holy Ghost and took the fear of man out of my heart and gave me much power in witnessing for Him. Our house is a heaven upon earth. It is given to God for His use, I need not say ourselves also. I do thank God with all my heart for a brother in the Gospel in Sunderland. May God enrich you more and more and make you a real power in the Church in that part of the land.

I am distributing the papers you sent as wisely as I can, and they are sure to be a real blessing to believers.

Regarding this blessed work of the Holy Ghost, I feel we are only just touching the fringe, as it

were, the great things are ahead of us. God is trying to get a people He can trust and use in these days when the enemy is so busy.

This movement is world-wide and is destined to fill the land. Now we are but a little flock, but God is going to use this apparently little thing to bring to naught things that are. He is in it, and that satisfies me, for I am persuaded, "This is that." The Word and the Spirit both in us abiding.

The great need is the need of teaching on this most important matter. Young believers not familiar with God's Word are sure to get off into ways not strictly scriptural and give the enemy some real cause for criticism. I am sure God is able to take care of His Ark without our hands; at the same time He will use us if fully surrendered to Him.

INDIA.

A Message from Mukti.

Miss Minnie Abrams writes the following words on the subject of "The scriptural evidence of Pentecost." Her words are full of love and wisdom:—

It gives me great joy to testify concerning the grace of God, which I have seen manifest in my brothers and sisters in India who have received the Pentecostal blessing with tongues and other gifts of the Spirit. At Mukti we have had visitors from Calcutta, Coonoor, Bulsai, and Colombo who have received this Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, and our people have visited those in Bombay who have thus been Spirit-baptized, and we, at Mukti, believe that all these together with us have been baptized into one baptism.

It is true that a part of those who have received this Baptism with tongues claim that speaking in an unknown tongue is the only sign of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, while others of us feel that the unknown tongue is a sign of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but feel that while all may and should receive this sign, yet we dare not say that no one is Spirit-baptized who has not received this sign. Yet we see the same gifts and graces and power for service in those who hold these different beliefs, and, so far as I know, we are as yet working in love and unity for the spread of this mighty work of the Holy Ghost.

When I compare the working of the Spirit in and through these baptized ones with what they were and what they accomplished for God before they were thus baptized with the Holy Ghost, a great song of praise wells up in my heart. When I compare ourselves with such passages as Acts ix. and Acts xix., I feel a great desire to press on until we receive the fullness of this Pentecostal blessing. It seems to me that as yet we are obliged to wait for these gifts until we are more deeply grounded in the love and humility of Christ. It

behoves us all to let the Holy Spirit deepen the work of the Cross in each one of us lest we fail of the great prize set before us, i.e., the gifts of the Spirit "unto the edifying of the church," as well as the conversion of multitudes of the unsaved.

The great sacred places of pilgrimage in India, where millions congregate to worship

SOME NOTED IDOL,

are just like Ephesus. Why should not the power of God be poured out upon the missionaries and Indian Christians in power similar to that upon Paul and his praying band in Ephesus? I believe we shall yet see Acts xix. re-enacted in India. Why should a little difference of opinion as to the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost hinder us from united effort any more than Arminianism and Calvinism do? At Mukti some of our workers are Arminians and some are Calvinists. Some believe that without the unknown tongue as an evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost you are not Spirit-baptized, and others believe that, although it is evident that most of the Christians in Apostolic times did speak in tongues, yet the Scriptures do not warrant our pronouncing judgment on those who do not speak in tongues; yet this Baptism of the Holy Ghost with tongues and other gifts has so united the workers at Mukti in the love of the Spirit, that we are able to work in love and harmony, as one man, for the salvation of souls. Our sisters labouring in Coonoor were greatly used of God in Mukti to make some of our workers feel the need of this baptism of love, and were used of God in helping them to obtain it. We praise God for every person who has received and is walking in the power of this Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the Missionaries and Christians of the "Christian and Missionary Alliance" in India has greatly strengthened our hands at Mukti. We see that God answers prayer. Two of their number in Bombay received, and now they rejoice in the fulfilment of that promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."

Let us not be discouraged. It is the life, and the power of Christ in the daily life touching up against others that will remove the prejudice and misunderstanding of the people of God. Praise God, the numbers of the Spirit-baptized ones in India are increasing. Let us not hold ourselves aloof from other Christians, but mingle with them, sit under their ministry, learn all we can from them, and in meekness and humility bear all the criticism and ridicule which the Lord may choose to send us through them. There are many Spirit-filled Christian workers from whose ministry we may get help and fellowship, and they in turn will receive help and strength through us. Let us not be exclusive, but open our hearts, our doors, our meetings to all, and, in turn, let us work together with those who have not received this baptism as long as they will let us. The rivers of life will flow out, they cannot be dammed up by others. The fire in us will set others on fire. Let us watch, and not only live in the power we have received, but see that the rivers become "waters to swim in," and the fire like that "love that is stronger than death."

Manoramabai's Visit to England.

KEDGAON, POONA DIST.,
INDIA,

AUG. 6th, 1908.

DEAR MR. BODDY,

Miss Manoramabai M. Medhavi, Pandita Ramabai's daughter, and the chosen successor in her work, is starting for England next week. She hopes to meet her mother's old friends, and also to tell out to people the need of prayer and workers for the evangelization of her country-women. As she is a young woman, she also hopes to see Christian work in Christian lands, and learn all she can from the experience of others to help her in her work here.

I shall be travelling with her, and we hope to meet some of those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and, if possible, learn from them how to obtain the fulness such as we see in the Acts of the Apostles.

We hope to arrive in England by the first week in September, and our address will be in care of Mrs. Helen S. Dyer, Aldington, near Hythe, Kent, England.

I am sending you a booklet, just out, on "Prayer Warfare." I trust it will be made a blessing to many and call forth a service of prayer.

Believe me,

Yours in Christ,

MINNIE F. ABRAMS.

Thank you for the copies of "Confidence" (Conference Number). I have distributed them.

Pastor Barratt's Last Days in India.

CALCUTTA, INDIA,

JULY 30th, 1908.

DEAR BROTHER,

As you see, I have left Coonoor, and now the campaign is commenced in this large city, the second in size in the British Empire.

The closing weeks at Coonoor were especially full of blessing and victory. Several of the missionaries were filled with the Holy Ghost. We have heard from some after they came down from the plains, and God is using them gloriously. The last one to whom the Lord came mightily was dear Bro. Groves, who sent for me to visit India. He had not, when I left Coonoor, spoken in tongues, but the *fire* has begun within him. Hallelujah! He came through rejoicing, and now he and his wife and little daughter and their little niece, who was staying with them, as well as the servant-girl, are all baptized with the power of God. All spoke in tongues except Bro. Groves; perhaps he does so now.

The children are so sweet. Besides the two mentioned, the son and daughter of Mrs. H. are also baptized in the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues. The mother's baptism was mighty. Her speaking in tongues and the interpretation she gave convinced the headmaster of a German High School here that the work was of God. He is seeking his Pentecost very earnestly. Both the mother and daughter have had remarkable visions. I have never before, although I have seen several

trances, seen a person taken so fully and personally into the sufferings, death, and victory of Jesus Christ as Mrs. H. The boy (9 years old) has the gift of interpretation.

On my birthday (22nd July) the children marched into my room in a procession with beautiful flowers. We prayed together and praised God for what He had done for them all. We had Communion Service twice whilst at Coornoor, and allowed also the children to take part. May God keep them faithful.

So glad to see, from "Confidence," that your daughters, May and Janie, are going on with the Lord. Some people say about the children: "It's all very well as long as it lasts!" But, blessed be God,

PENTECOST DOES LAST.

Of course, it's necessary to guide and instruct the children and keep them, as well as the others, to the Word of God. But I find that God can very often handle a child much easier than a grown-up person. In fact, we have all to become *children* if He is to have His way with us.

Mrs. H. saw one day on the heavens in large golden letters the words:

"BEHOLD, HE COMETH!"

And one evening she saw a black cross of great dimensions suspended in mid-air. One end was formed like a shepherd's staff. Her daughter (13 years old) was standing near her, and she said, "Do you see that?" "Yes," she had been looking at it a little while already. It remained visible to them both about three minutes.

I do feel thankful for the two months spent at Coonoor. There was, on the part of some outsiders, a constant and an intense opposition, but in the face of it all

JESUS WAS VICTOR.

Of course, we are on the winning side.

"Had I but known it before I would have yielded long ago!" exclaimed one of the missionaries as God filled her soul with His glory. She had been praying intensely for Power during several weeks, and had felt the Power in her body time upon time, twitching her lips at times, but she had heard and read so much about counterfeits that she was afraid this also was of the enemy. But God shewed her it was the blessed Holy Spirit trying to assert His right to her body as well as her soul and spirit. Then she gave way with a loud shout,

"THIS IS THAT!"

repeating often as the Power surged over her, and her face was illuminated with God's glory. "*The God of Abraham praise.*"

Oh, there is nothing like seeing God's people get through to Pentecost. What joy unspeakable and full of glory!

If those dear people who stand aloof only knew what they are forfeiting by doing so, they would soon seek the Lord with all their hearts. But now they are

UNDER BONDAGE.

"What will my friends, my church, my mission-board, my overseers, my wife, my husband, my children, my parents say if *I begin to seek the Tongues?*"

Now that's just the mistake many are making. It's this "*if I.*" I am *somebody*! I am of importance! But the OLD SELF LIFE leaks out through the crevices. Dear friend,

WHO ARE YOU?

A poor worm. Your place is on your face in the dust. It's *an act of mercy* that God looks at you and cares to have anything to do with you. And

dare you dictate to Him?

Besides, you need not have any trouble about the tongues. When you get them they will not trouble you. They delight you. Your chief aim is not them, but HIM—to be

FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST just as the disciples on Pentecost. There is not a single Christian on earth who does not need that, and *none of us have a right to continue without it.* None!

The scenery on the Nilgiris was very beautiful. I had very little time for getting about, but no matter where you were up there, mid the mountains of South India, you were charmed with the beauty of the place. The vegetation was rich and attractive, and the atmosphere, of course, far more refreshing than down here on the plains. Coonoor is about 6,000 feet high. I visited also Ootacamund, which is still higher (7,200 feet), and Kotigiri, which lies between 6,000 and 7,000 feet above the level of the sea.

On our way to this city we had to spend a day at MADRAS. At the Bazaar there, when walking about among the natives, I suddenly came across a native preacher whom I had met in Norway eleven years ago. It was a surprise and a joy to us both. We immediately began to converse about the Revival. He said, "It's a puzzle to me why people oppose this work. But one thing is very evident, that, since Mrs. ——— and Mr. — began to write against this work, revivals have been stopped here in India."

"Well, that is natural," I remarked, "because when we will not follow the indication of the Spirit, but will tie God down to our ways of doing things, HE WILL NOT AGREE TO IT."

The meetings already held here in Calcutta have been successful. They are being held in the beautiful Baptist Church erected by the renowned W. Carey. Bro. Garr's meetings also took their commencement here last year. Dear old Bro. Hook is pastor.

Souls have already been saved, and several are seeking their Pentecost. One Christian worker received last night gloriously. She was "drunk" with glory.

In the afternoons Miss Knight gives some very helpful Bible readings, and then we have service in the evening. Last night was our fourth day here. On Friday we have an All-day of Prayer. How long the campaign will last no one knows. The interest is increasing daily. Hallelujah!

Christian love to all,

BARRATT.

Pastor Barratt shortly afterwards left India on the homeward journey, and was to pay a short visit to Jerusalem. Before leaving India he visited Mukti and received this message from the Christian Widows, to be passed on to the religious world:—(St. Luke x. 21) "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, 'I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight.'"

A VISIT TO HOLLAND.

PART 3.

CLOSING DAYS IN HOLLAND.

What land is this that seems to be
A mingling of the land and sea?
This land of sluices, dikes and dunes?
This water-net that tessellates
The landscape? This winding maze
Of Gardens through white latticed gates,
The imprisoned pinks and tulips gaze.
—Longfellow.

There is a peculiar charm about Holland and its sturdy inhabitants. There is such solidity, inventiveness, and determination to carry a thing right through. To get a few quiet hours, I took the Stoom-tram to Muyden on the Zuyder Zee. As I journeyed I did some writing, but chiefly I occupied my time in observing the canals and the barges, the country-folk and the soldiers, and the children trooping along the brick-paved roads with their wooden *klumpen* and happy faces.

At Muyden is an interesting mediæval castle near to the mouth of the Vecht, near the great locks by which vessels are lifted from the lower level of Holland on to the higher waters of the Zuyder Zee. There are powder magazines here and soldiers are often seen. An enemy could soon do mischief if he possessed these great strong locks and let the sea-water pour in.

A sister, on receiving her Pentecost, saw (in vision) Holland flooded, and at first thought that it was a vision of an approaching judgment, but why not rather of the living waters of the Holy Spirit going all over this remarkable land, even "waters to swim in" (Ezekiel xlvii., 6).

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The Pentecostal Hollanders with their Pastor and the English "States Preacher" were photographed one afternoon before the meeting. It was a remarkable group which was gathered in the little garden behind the Mission Hall,* each one with a deeply interesting story to tell of God's blessing.

We were singing bright choruses when a voice came to us over the garden wall. It was the master of the "Overbare Legere School," the free school adjoining. "I cannot keep my children in order when you so sing." So we did not continue, and in turn they sang the tune "God Save the King."

The taking of the photograph, with its accompanying humour, did not prevent a glorious tide of power and blessing immediately after, and a young married man received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance. How we sang:—

Oh, het Bloed, het dienaar Bloed,

Oh, the Blood, the precious Blood,

Dat ons rein maakt in't gemoet;

That cleanses now my heart within;

Het maakt van vrees en twijfel vry

That makes me free from guilt and fear;

Het dienaar Bloed verlost ook mij,

The precious Blood it saveth me.

At the evening meeting I was led to speak from 2 Chron. xxix., 5-11. A sister came up to the platform and asked forgiveness for having in the past misjudged the Leaders of this Mission. God blessed her after this confession and met her specially. One elderly sister, Mother Fisser, is most anxious to help all who seem to be getting into touch with God. There was someone who had referred to Spiritualism (Spiritism), so she prayed earnestly—

"Lord, Lord,
Not the way of mud,
But in Thy way of Blood."

* Copies of the Photo can be obtained through Pastor Polman. Send post office order for 3/6.

Pastor G. de Wilde, of Sneek (Holland), joined us to-day. He had just returned from Berlin, where he had met Pastor Paul, of Steglitz. Pastor Paul speaks in Tongues every day. He is well known at Berlin and much respected. He has not gone back as was thought by some.

Pastor Schelling, of Berlin (Kijfhanger-Strasse 11), also has had his Pentecost.

Pastor de Wilde has a little company of earnest seekers at Sneek. One of these to her great joy received her Pentecost on arriving at Amsterdam for this "Conference." May other hungry ones at Sneek also soon be blessed, and the whole Church with its Pastor lifted on.

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There is also a little company of baptized ones on the Island of Terschelling, to the north of the Zuyder Zee. Two Dutch sailors appeared one Sunday evening at All Saints' Church (Sunderland). They could not speak English, and it was difficult for them to find their way to Fulwell Road, Monkwearmouth, from their ship. But one of them held in his hand the title-page of one of my tracts where my name was printed, and he shewed this and followed in the direction in which they pointed. They could not understand our Church service or our prayer meeting, but they realised that God was present, and they took home to Terschelling a good report.

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"Spade Regen" (Latter Rain) is the title of a Dutch Pentecostal (Free) paper which Pastor Polman now publishes. It is an excellent broadsheet, and those who have Pentecostal friends in South Africa (or elsewhere) who live near Dutch-speaking folk should send the names to Amsterdam. Readers of "Confidence" who live in the Transvaal, etc., should write for a roll of "Spade Regen." The Pastor will spare gladly a few hundred copies for South Africa. Address: Pastor Polman, Domselaer Straat 15, Amsterdam. He would be thankful for help also towards printing in Dutch Free Pentecostal literature.

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Pastor Polman and his gifted wife are well mated indeed. Mrs. Polman has exceptional powers, and is not only a true wife and a deeply-taught Christian, but is also highly educated and is an accomplished linguist. All through his life as a converted man the Pastor has been fearless. When serving in the army he preached to his fellow soldiers, even if he had a shower of missiles or abuse. They called him, in the army, the "*Blick-predicant*," the "Tin-preacher."

As the steamer pushed out from Rotterdam Quay and sailed into the darkness, the last I could see was two figures, one the Pastor and the other Bro. Kōk (tall and short), and the word came over the waves,

"MIZPAH."

Hindrances to Seekers.

"Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."—Jer. xxix. 13.

We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit. God means that we shall have it. Every possible provision to this end has been made. Jesus went to the Father, received the Spirit and sent Him to us. Why, then, do hungry hearts not receive Him in His fulness? Either the Lord wants to teach them some important lesson, or some hindrance must be removed. Let us notice some possible hindrances, and as you read, trust God to enable you to put them away if you are afflicted with them.

1. *Dictating to God.* Sometimes people address the Lord as if He did not understand His business. They tell Him all that He must do and just what they must be before they can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. How foolish this is. We get nothing from Him by teaching Him, but by asking Him. "Ask, and ye shall receive." "Be not rash with thy mouth and let not thine heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and thou upon the earth, therefore, let thy words be few." Ec. v., 2.

2. *Comparing experiences.* This may be helpful. It may also prove a snare. You must not desire the experience of another in kind, but in quality. Indeed, you are not to seek the experience of any one. Seek God for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire. He will grant you the very best and most fitting experience for you. Some well-informed, well-balanced believers are delayed because the fruit of the Spirit seems less in some who claim their Pentecost than in themselves. This indicates a lack of hunger. There remains yet a subtle latent self-sufficiency.

It matters not what others have, or have not. Do I measure up to the Divine Model—Jesus—to the Bible standard? Acts ii., 4. Read the Holy Word for counsel; "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but they measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." 2 Cor. x., 12.

3. *Confusion of teaching.* One person declares that you must pray right through to the baptism; another affirms that you receive it by faith; still another contends that you must praise yourself into Pentecost; and yet another insists that you just tarry and wait until the Holy Ghost falls. Now, when we understand the Word, all confusion vanishes. All of these, viz., prayer, praise, faith, and tarrying have their place in seeking for the enduement with power. One feature is more prominent in some cases than in others. One prays much; another tarries long; still another rests in faith and rejoices in hope; while some simply ask and believe God and immediately receive. This is the scriptural method, "Ask, and ye shall receive." And you ought to believe that you do receive the moment you ask (Mark xi., 24). We are required to tarry, not to be filled, but to be emptied. He quickly possesses and fills the house that He is allowed to empty, thoroughly sweep, and garnish. The cardinal texts for inquirers after Pentecost are: Luke xi., 13, and xxiv., 49; Acts i., 4, 14, and ii., 38, 39; Gal. iii., 13, 14; Mark xi., 24; and Luke xxiv., 52, 53.

4. *Rambling prayers.* You are wanting enduement with power from on high. Let this alone be the object of your search. Let someone else pray for the sick, the missionaries, for souls, etc. You should

not admit another interest until your heart believes that you do receive the baptism. Here only can you shout the victory and intercede effectively for others. God is not after your petitions and service, He wants you. He is seeking to get full control of all of you, and He will amaze you at His method of service through you. Hence, let go, let go, and pray only and definitely for the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire until you obtain the divinely wrought certitude that your prayer is answered.

5. *Talkativeness.* If you would quickly receive and sweetly retain the Pentecostal glow and glory, you must let your words be few. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin." Questions, discussions, jestings, etc., greatly delay the answer. The same is true of reading. Avoid conversation and reading as far as possible. Keep before the Lord with your open Bible. "Wait thou only on God."

6. *Self-condemnation.* Some people sit on the judgment seat condemning their fellow men. Others perpetually condemn themselves. One is just as unkind and unwise as the other. You say, "I am so unworthy for I am so unfaithful." You will never become faithful by mourning over your failures, but by looking to Jesus. All your sins and failures too were judged on Calvary. You are "accepted in the Beloved"—Christ Jesus—the moment you take Him to be your substitute. Cease looking for perfection in yourself, take Christ for your perfection—"Ye are complete in Him;"—and let Him prepare you for the fulness. Bear in mind that the perfecting goes on after Pentecost has fully come.

7. *Wrong motives.* This is a most vital point. Ponder it well. Why do you want the baptism in the Holy Ghost? Do you

want it because your friends have it? Because you will then have more power to cast out demons, heal the sick, preach better, conduct bigger meetings? Your friends may turn you down. You may never do any of these things openly. You may be called to isolated suffering. Whatever minor motive prompts you to seek this glorious endowment, or enclothment, the one supreme motive should be that you may fully, whole-heartedly and constantly please God by letting Him reveal His Son in you (Gal. i., 16) in His own way. Jesus our pattern said, "I come to do Thy will, O God." The right motive is voiced in the following words: "My cry for a long time prior, and at this time also, was to be like Jesus. O how I longed to be like Him! I wished so ardently to be lost in God! I wanted to lose my identity—that I could be a channel, a mouth-piece for Him. I wanted to be nothing that it might be as far as possible, all of God! Oh, how I wanted to really and truly cease from all my own works and ways, that Christ might be magnified and glorified in my life, that it might no longer be I, but Christ who liveth in me!"

Dear seeking one, if you want the gift of God more than you want anything else, you will quickly and cheerfully put aside all hindrances and forego every pleasure, and seek with your whole heart and soul by persistent faith and joyful expectation until the Pentecostal glory rolls over you.

—A. S. Copley.

(From a "Call to Faith.")

Destitution in Sunderland.

The Rev. A. A. Boddy asks earnest prayer from the Readers that (1) he and Mrs. Boddy may be upheld during the coming winter with its awful prospect of unparalleled distress. (2) That the sufferers may be drawn to God Himself in their sorrows. (3) That He may roll away quickly this dark cloud, or send help to meet the troubles.

"SPADE REGEN."

Translation of Pastor Polman's Report as to Amsterdam Meetings.

The visit of our dear Pastor Boddy from Sunderland shall always be kept in our memories. It has been such a time of encouragement and refreshment, and we thank God that we had the privilege to have him with us, we were so glad to see his dear face after a separation of a few months. The days which we spent together were wonderfully blessed, and his wise counsels have helped us very much. The 5th, 6th, and 7th of September we had private and public meetings with him. The

THREE PUBLIC MEETINGS

on Sunday the 7th were wonderful through the power which God revealed through His servant.

The Subject in the Morning Service was "The New Creation" 2 Cor. v., 17. The Pastor showed us very clearly the old and the new creation. Adam was the image of Christ. God said, "Let us make man in our image." God breathed in Adam and he became a living soul, and he received power to have dominion over the creation. Then came the envy of the devil. He decided to destroy the plan of God in which He for a time succeeded. Man fell through disobedience, and through the fall came sin, sickness and death.

But God already had made an eternal plan of salvation, before the man fell. Acts xxvi., 18.

Victory over sin and darkness was on Golgotha. Christ was the representative of man. Rom. v., 6.

He died for us, we died with Him, we were crucified with Him, our blood flowed, our old man was crucified, buried, and we in Christ were risen, we rose with Him in newness of life. All things became new for them that believe. Eph. ii., 5. After the resurrection we need power. Luke xxiv., 49. He promised to send the power from on high, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit takes possession of our spirit, soul and body, and makes us like Jesus. 2 Cor. iii., 17-18.

This meeting made a deep impression upon the people. Never had they heard the plan of salvation in such a simple and clear way, and great were the blessings they received.

The afternoon service was given to the personal experiences of the Pastor. He told us how God had wonderfully blessed him this year, how drops of the Latter Rain had fallen, and how happy the Pentecostal people were in Sunderland. He went on in telling us how God had met him when He was a young lawyer. From the

LAW TO THE GOSPEL

was no easy path, but he was earnestly seeking to serve God. After becoming a curate he began to travel over the world. He visited Russia, Palestine, Nord Afrika, etc., wrote different books, and was made a member of different Geographical Associations. When he returned home, a Missionary from Ceylon visited him, who helped him to understand and accept full salvation. On the 21st of September, 1892, the Holy Spirit fell upon him in the church and the result was that he put things right with those he had not been friendly with. 2 Cor. iv., 6.

In 1904, the Pastor went on, he went to the revival in Wales, and stood with Evan Roberts in the pulpit. When he returned to Sunderland he brought some of the fire with him and addressed many revival meetings in Sunderland. His people were aglow for two years. This was a preparation for a greater Pentecost.

On the 5th of March, 1907, he received a wonderful anointing of the Holy Spirit, and on the 2nd of December the Holy Spirit took full possession of him and spoke through him in tongues. Great joy was in the meeting when the people heard their leader speaking in tongues. He little thought to be back in Holland so soon when he passed through Holland last year, to hold Pentecostal meetings. Thank God for Pentecost.

Pentecost gives love in the home, love for souls, love for God. The same signs and gifts are given to-day as in the days of the Apostles, but, ended the Pastor the meeting,

THE BEST OF ALL IS LOVE.

The evening service was the most powerful of all. Pastor Boddy spoke to a crowd of people on the Blood and the Fire. Acts ii., 19. Joel ii., 20.

He said, "We have come to the blood of sprinkling." Heb. xii., 22.

He pointed out how wonderful the blood was in our bodies. Thousands of molecules chasing each other along through arteries and veins. The heart is pumped by the hand of God. When He stops we die instantly.

The blood was treated reverently in the old days, because it is the *Life*. A stream of blood ran from Adam, through Abraham, Judah, Jesse, David to Jesus.

Then the Pastor beautifully described the sin offering in the temple as an image of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. First the Israelite brought a pure lamb, then he laid his hands on the lamb, making himself one with the lamb. Then the lamb was slain, and was made atonement for his sins. Then was the blood sprinkled on the fire altar.

Calvary fulfilled all this. The blood shows how awful sin is, how awful Hell is.

Just the other day, Pastor Boddy had visited in Amsterdam,

A PANORAMA CALLED "JERUSALEM,"

where we could see the scene on Golgotha. He pointed out how struck he was by the scene during the earthquake. The crowd, dismayed, fled for the earthquake, from the cross into the darkness. A little group remained by the cross, worshipping the Lamb, while the light of God shone upon them. They which flee from the cross come into darkness, they that remain by the cross remain in the light. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb."

After we had sung a hymn, the Pastor continued his sermon on Fire. Before he spoke of the Fire the Pastor described us a rainbow. In the rainbow from the one end to the other was written the word *Salvation*. "At the beginning of the rainbow," he said, "we will write the word, 'new birth,' (John iii., 7), in the middle, 'sanctification' (Heb. xiii., 12), and at the end, 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit with Signs' (Acts ii., 4). These three are found in the one word *Salvation*. Salvation includes in itself, New Birth, Sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire." "He

shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire."

There are two kinds of Fire. The Fire of the Lord and the Fire of punishment (Lake of Fire). It is better to have the Fire of the Lord. We must be baptized with Fire to be perfectly happy. If we do not seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we do not possess everything which Calvary has brought us. The result of these meetings was that scores remained to seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, others were seeking Sanctification, many confessed their sins, made restitution, and paid old debts. A young girl on the gallery received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues while the meeting was still on. Praise the Lord for His great things.

On Saturday evening and Monday afternoon and evening, the dear Pastor held private meetings with the baptized ones and seekers. About sixty filled the hall every time. The Pastor gave very useful counsels to the baptized and the seekers. 1 Cor. vi., 19-20 was read, "Ye are the temples of the Holy Spirit."

We must first be cleansed and purged before we can seek the baptism. We must obey. Obedience comes before the Fire. Exod. xl.

Then we must praise the Lord. 2 Chron. iv., 13. If we praise the Lord, glory will fill His temple. Sin and old self must disappear and Christ must enter in. They that have Pentecost, let them walk carefully, pray with each other and pray for their leader and help him to drive the devil back. To have little prayer bands was suggested. The Pastor advised the brothers and sisters

TO SPEAK VERY REVERENTLY

about the Baptism and the Tongues, it must penetrate in our beings, that it is the most Holy God entering in us. We must seek more of God. Signs and gifts are given, but above all, we must bear fruit, that we may glorify the Father.

Many received a great blessing in these meetings. In one of the meetings the Fire fell and a brother was wonderfully baptized and spoke directly in Tongues. A sister received a wonderful vision of the crucified Christ and His resurrection, and was wonderfully anointed by the Holy Spirit. Others came under the power of God, a heavenly anthem, wonderful and sweet, was sung by some of the baptized ones. Christ was indeed in our midst. In the evening another sister was baptized, and more shall follow. We thank God for the visit of Pastor Boddy. It was a real uplifting for us, new power has come in us to go on in this blessed work. May God bless our dear brother in his great responsibility.

We, here in Holland, have learned to love him very much, and we look upon him as our dear spiritual father, to whom we can go for help and counsel in this earnest work. We are all praying earnestly for Sunderland, that it may become more and more a centre of great blessings. God bless our dear Pastor and his wife in Sunderland. We love our dear English brothers and sisters very much, and if seekers for this blessing can afford to spend their holidays in our midst, we shall be very glad to welcome them.

May God speedily send the heavenly showers upon the whole world.